

MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
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COUNTIES (MD/PA) CECIL/LANCASTER

M&D milestone no. 19 (20)

MHT-HSI no. CE-VIII-1026

PROTECTED/ENDANGERED/MISSING

FIELD SHEET: MASON & DIXON LINE, MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA BOUNDARY MARKER SURVEY

LOCATION: USGS 7.5' quadrangle Conowingo Dam
original site/moved/date 1766

UTM 18.40160.439726
bench mark/date none observed

About 0.7 mile NE of Rock Springs, MD; about 1100' due E from bend in River View Rd, just inside edge of NE corner of deciduous woods, camouflaged by briars. Cannot be seen from road,

DIRECTIONS TO SITE:

From M/D 18 (19): retrace 2.2 miles along Horseshoe Rd to entrance gate, then continue S about 0.4 mile to junction of Sterrett Rd; turn right (W) on Sterrett & follow about 0.5 mile to intersection of New Bridge Rd; turn right (WNW) (over)

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS: original/replica/replacement/date 1766; squared oolitic limestone post, standing about 1' above ground, now rounded & misshapen

N face (PA): 11" wide x 13" high; P. circle panel, fluting & margins no longer discernible, face scarred, badly weatherworn & chipped

E face: 11" wide x 13" high; fluting & margins gone, face scarred, badly weatherworn & chipped; all edges & corners rounded

S face (MD): 11" wide x 13" high; only left half of letter M remains, circle panel, fluting & margins gone; all edges chipped & weatherworn

W face: 11" wide x 13" high; fluting & margins gone, face scarred, badly weatherworn & chipped; all edges & corners rounded

top: no planes or fluting remain; several large pits, & chips all edges & corners; lumpy & domed in shape from abuse & weathering

bench mark: none indicated on maps; none observed

CONDITION OF MARKER/FOUNDATION: excellent/good/fair/deteriorated/ruins/unexposed
1900-03 Resurvey notes (order no. 20), as in MGS Vol. 7, 1908, p. 84

20. Milestone No. 19, M. & D., 1766, in field west of woods bordering the Octoraro Valley and east of the road leading northeast from Rock Springs, Md.

1950 Inspection notes (present order no. 19, photo no. 19) as in Bayliff, 1959, Appendix C, p. 96

20. Original monument in place in solid foundation, badly damaged. Half of "M" broken away. Monument stands in cultivated field, exposed to damage by farm machinery.

1979-80 Inspection notes: order no. 19 (20); photos/negatives/slides no. 19 (20)

19 (20) Original M&D milestone of 1766 in place, in deteriorated condition though still firmly set; badly scarred & chipped, only left half of "M" remains of stone design; barely recognizable whitewashed lump. Endangered in past by (over)

SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS (MD/PA): names, addresses, phones

MD: tax map 2, block , P. 113, deed 165/39, ac. 58.08, index
Paul Connelly, RD 2, Rising Sun, MD 21911

+ MD tax map 2, block N-4, P. 4, deed 210/561, ac. 100.44, index
PA: tax map 26, block N-4, P. 4, deed /, ac. , index
G. Victor Brinton, RD 1, River View Rd., Peach Bottom, PA 17563

Phone: (717) 548-2892

RECORDED BY: names, addresses, phones, dates . Jean Ewing 2/3/80
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Assisted by Miss Frances Taylor
Conowingo, MD 21918

Also see: reverse side X, B&W photos X, negatives X, color slides X, maps X,
MHT-HSI form, other

DIRECTIONS TO SITE, continued

to its junction with Rock Springs Rd; continue straight about 0.4 mile to intersection of US 222; turn right (N) & follow 222 about 0.5 mile to MD/PA line & junction of River View Rd; turn right (E) to first bend (about 0.1 mile) & park on road shoulder. Walk E along edge of farmed field (north edge of woods) to NE corner of woods & stone.

1979-80 Inspection notes, continued

exposure to farm machinery, now also may be endangered by nearby dumping & logging.

NOTES

This stone has obviously been much abused by farm machinery in the past, and was whitewashed presumably to help distinguish it from other field stones. Now in the edge of the woods, rather than in area under cultivation, the stone may no longer be endangered by farming, but is within about 100 yards of dumping and logging.

We recommend that official contact be made soon with the two owners, to ensure the future protection of the stone and mark with witness post.

B&W PHOTOS/NEGATIVES

5x7 SE corner (neg # 31) Jean Ewing 2/3/80
5x7 NW corner (neg # 29) " "
5x7 View NE of milestone & Frances Taylor (neg # 32) Jean Ewing 2/3/80
5x7 View E toward site (neg # 33) Jean Ewing 2/3/80

COLOR SLIDES

2x2 SE corner (# 7) Jean Ewing 2/3/80
2x2 NW corner (#10) " "
2x2 View S, of stone & woodland setting (# 6) Jean Ewing 2/3/80
2x2 View NE, toward site (# 11) Jean Ewing 2/3/80

MAPS

USGS 7½' topographic quadrangle section
1900-03 Resurvey engineer's map (Plate XI), updated
MD tax map section

OTHER

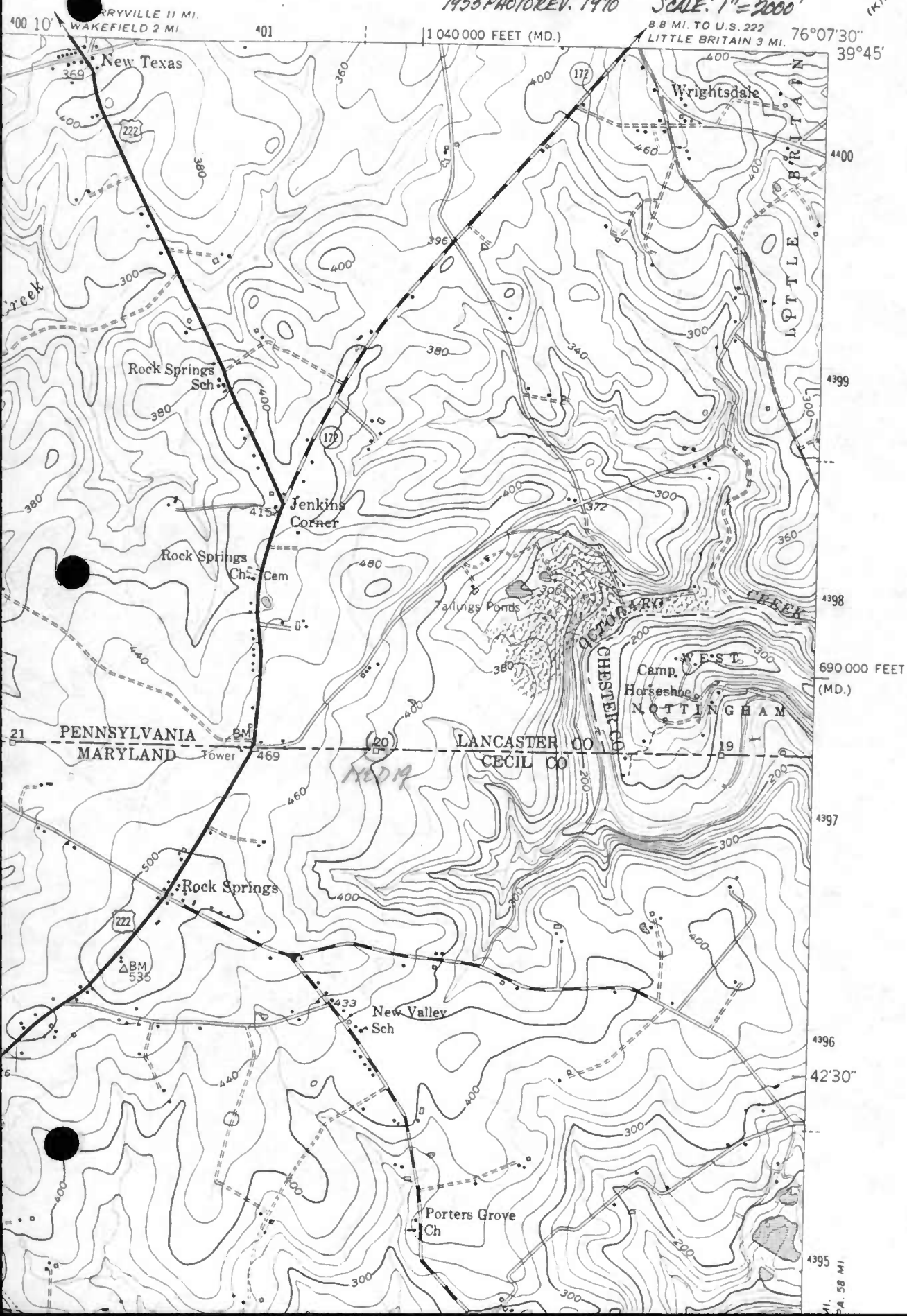
CONOWINGO DAM QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND—PENNSYLVANIA

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1958 PHOTO REV. 1970

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

5763' SE
(KIRKWOOD)



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Mason-Dixon west line ^{FILE} stone #19 (20)

OFF SE/S RIVER VIEW RD, ROCK SPRINGS, MD. VICINITY

Looking east
towards stone site

View east from River View Road near Md 222

PHOTO: J. L. AN
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MGS

Mason Dixon #19(20)

WESTERN HILLSIDE

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Marker Cecil Co. Md.
Laurel Co. Penna.

OFF SE/8 RIVER VIEW ROAD, ROCK SPRINGS, MD. VICINITY

South and East sides

PHOTO JEAN ELLING

Feb 1980

(ALG #31)



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WEST LINE

MILE STONE

OFF SE/S RIVERVIEW RD, ROCK SPRINGS VICINITY

North & West sides

PHOTO: JEAN EDDING

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Mason Dixon #19 (20)

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Mason Dixon west line: stone #19

OFF SE/S RIVER VIEW ROAD, ROCK SPRINGS, MD. VICINITY

FRANCE TAYLOR
POINTING TO STONE



Looking east.

Location in densely overgrown hedgerow

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Ewing Feb '80 (NEG #32)